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Summary of Safety and Effectiveness
Line Extension to the Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System

Submission Information

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Device Identification

Proprietary Name: Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System
(formerly the Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System)

Common Name: External Fixation Frame Component

Classification Name and Reference: Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener, 21 CFR §888.3040

This Special 510(k) submission is intended to address a material modification and design modifications to the predicate Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System. The subject device, named the Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System, is a line extension of the Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System. The predicate Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System is fabricated from stainless steel and aluminum. The subject Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System is fabricated from stainless steel. The Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System is a miniaturization of the Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System. The miniaturization involves modifying the overall size of the components as well as reducing the size of the mating components (Apex® pins and connecting rods).

The subject Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System shares the same intended use, and basic design concepts as that of the currently available Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation System. Mechanical testing demonstrated comparable mechanical properties to the predicate components.



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Re: K013772

Trade/Device Name: Hoffman® II Micro External Fixation System
Regulation Number: 888.3040, 888.3030
Regulation Name: Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener
Single/multiple component metallic bone fixation appliances and
accessories

Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: JEC, LXT
Dated: November 8, 2001
Received: November 13, 2001

Dear Ms. Ariemma:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

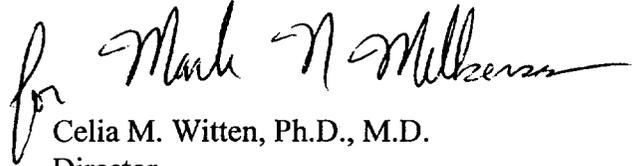
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 21 CFR Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "for Celia M. Witten". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

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Director
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Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): K 013772

Device Name: Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System (line extension to the Hoffmann® II Compact™ External Fixation)

Indications For Use:

The Hoffmann® II Micro External Fixation System is intended to be used with the Half Pins or Transfixing Pins of the Hoffmann® External Fixation System and the Components of the Hoffmann® II External Fixation System. It is intended to be used in the stabilization of open and/or unstable fractures and where soft tissue may preclude the use of other fracture treatments such as IM rodding, casting and other means of internal fixation.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use X

OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____

(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

(Optional Format 1-2-96)

for Mark A. Millerson

(Division Sign-Off)

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